

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.


This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4.

By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter of this claim in a Continuation application. In addition, claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten into independent for to incorporate the subject matter of their parent claim 1. In light of the indication in the Office Action that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to incorporate all subject matter of their parent claims, entry and allowance of this application with claims 2-4 is respectfully requested. With regard to this, it is noted that claim 4 is dependent on claim 2.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No.), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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